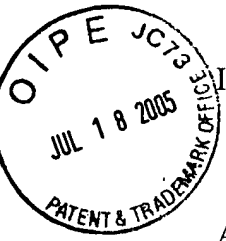


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DEVICE WITH BLOWER MECHANISM**

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Information Disclosure Statement

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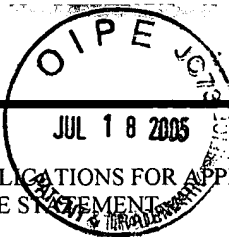


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